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SUBJECT: USU Modem Policy

References: *See Enclosure 1*

A. Purpose

Modems pose a serious threat in that they can circumvent established network protection while also being vulnerable to interception, thus enabling unauthorized access. All USU employees, students, and contractors will comply with this policy memorandum.

B. Policy and Guidelines

(a) A modem is a device for transmitting digital data over telephone wires by modulating the data into an audio signal.

(b) Network connection via modems internal to the USU is prohibited.

(c) Modems are ubiquitous and a low-tech network security threat.

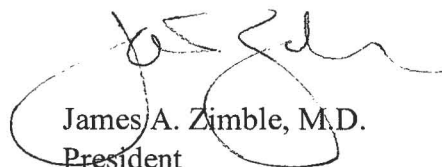
(d) A modem cannot be used to link to the Internet while simultaneously connected to the USU Network.

(e) Modem assistance for non-network usage can be obtained by contacting the Information Services Management Center (UIS).

(f) Additional clarification or guidance may be obtained from UIS.

(g) UIS is responsible for oversight, compliance, and support of the USU Modem Policy. Support can be obtained by contacting the UIS Help Desk, located in Room G007, telephone 295-9800.

C. Effective Date: This PPM is effective immediately.


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REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 5200.1-R, "DoD Information Security Program Regulation,"
January 14, 1997
- (b) BUMED "Information Assurance Security Policy Manual," 23 Jan 2002